

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN PLAN AND PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR

HOWARD TERMINAL 1 MARKET STREET OAKLAND, ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

The California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is requesting public comments on the proposed Negative Declaration and the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Howard Terminal site (Site) located at 1 Market Street, Oakland, California. Environmental investigation conducted at the Site have found polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and petroleum hydrocarbons under a concrete slab.

The draft RAW proposes removal of old underground storage tanks or fuel pipelines and old water supply wells, if detected through a geophysical survey. In addition, a long-term groundwater monitoring and cap maintenance will be performed on an annual basis. A deed restriction will be placed on the property limiting the site use to industrial/commercial purposes only. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC is proposing to issue a Negative Declaration.

Copies of the draft RAW, CEQA, and related technical reports are available for public review at the locations listed below.

City of Oakland Public Library

West Oakland Branch 1801 Adeline Street Oakland, CA 94607 (510) 238-7352 Monday and Thursday 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

DTSC

Berkeley Office 700 Heinz Ave., Ste 200 Berkeley, CA 94710 (510) 540-3800

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(call for appointment)

The public is invited to comment on the draft RAW and negative declaration during the 30-day public comment period which begins on January 3, 2002 and ends on February 1, 2002. All public comments will be carefully considered in making the final decision for the Site. All those who comment will be notified of the final decision and will receive a response to their comments. Written comments must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2002. Mail comments to:

> Ted Park, Project Manager Department of Toxic Substances Control 700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200 Berkeley, California 94710. Tpark@dtsc.ca.gov

If you would like to discuss this project with a DTSC representative, please call Ted Park at (510) 540-3805 or DTSC's Public Participation Coordinator, Rachelle Maricq, at (510) 540-3910.